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Leadership Conference



A final reminder about the 5th Indiana Long Term Care Leadership Conference set for March 24, 2009. The topic is "Managing Incontinence Care". The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) invites long term care facilities and organizations to attend. If you have not registered and wish to attend, please register now. Registrations will be closing early next week.

Conference Location

Sagamore Ballroom
Indiana Convention Center
100 South Capitol Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46225
<http://www.icclos.com/conv/index.aspx>

To Register or Obtain Conference Brochure

<http://www.in.gov/isdh/23260.htm>

Registration Questions

317-841-7171
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CMS Update



Implementation of MDS 3.0

The following information was received from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS):

As CMS recognizes the challenges an October 1, 2009 implementation of MDS 3.0 poses, CMS staff have been actively listening to states and other stakeholders' concerns and considering an alternative implementation date to grant all stakeholders more time to accommodate necessary changes.

To that end, CMS has officially decided to revise the MDS 3.0 implementation date. The new implementation date is now scheduled for October 1, 2010.

Emergency Preparedness Information



The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) released a new report, *Recommendations for a National Mass Patient and Evacuee Movement, Regulating, and Tracking System*, which recommends developing a coordinated multi-jurisdictional evacuation system that builds on existing resources and procedures available at the state, local, and federal level.

To develop a national system to locate, track and regulate patients and evacuees leaving disaster areas, the report recommends collecting eight essential data elements to identify each patient or evacuee, their health status and location from existing data sources like hospitals. It also recommends collecting baseline inventory levels of key resources such as available hospital beds and ambulances or other medical transportation. Appendixes discuss issues related to implementation of a national system, including:

- Legal issues such as HIPAA compliance
- Existing tracking systems at the local, regional and federal level
- Institutional record systems for hospitals, nursing homes, shelters, and other facilities
- Existing systems that inventory and identify available resources

Existing AHRQ-funded tools that can support a national system described in this report include:

- The National Hospital Available Beds for Emergencies and Disasters (HAvBED), which can help identify available hospital beds.
- The Mass Evacuation Transportation Planning Model, an online tool that estimates the number and type of medical transportation needed to evacuate patients.
- The Hospital Surge Model, an online tool that estimates, based on user-selected scenarios, the hospital resources needed to treat victims of various disaster events.

The recommendations report was developed by AHRQ with critical input and leadership from the Department of Defense. The report and other AHRQ-funded Public Health Emergency Preparedness are available at: <http://www.ahrq.gov/dep>.



That is all for this week.

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